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GEORGIA CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

All cattle and calves on Georgia farms on January 1, 2006, are estimated at 1,180,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2005 according to the USDA, NASS, Georgia Field Office.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 670,000 head on January 1, 2006, down 1 percent from the previous year. Beef cows totaled 592,000 head, down 1 percent, and milk cows are 78,000 head, down 7 percent below the previous year.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 82,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier. Milk replacement heifers totaled 23,000 head, down 4 percent from the previous year.

Calves born during 2005 in Georgia totaled 550,000 head, down 2 percent from the number born in 2004.

GEORGIA GOAT INVENTORY

Georgia goats totaled 98,000. Angora goats totaled 1,000; milk goats, 2,000; and meat and other goats, 95,000.

JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005.

- **Beef cows**, at 33.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005.

TOTAL GOAT AND KID INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.35 million head up 4 percent from 2005. All market goats and kids totaled 471,800 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2006 meat and all other goats totaled 2.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. Milk goat inventory increased 1 percent to 288,000 head while angora goats were down 1 percent totaling 278,000 head. The 2005 kid crop totaled 1.84 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2004.

Mohair production in the United States during 2005 was 1.82 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 273,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$2.78 per pound with a value of 5.1 million dollars.

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